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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 397

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A RESOLUTION to honor Valerie Martin, 1999 Salutatorian of Lebanon High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Martin is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as Salutatorian of the 1999 graduating class at Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Valerie has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, this distinguished student has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, at William J. Baird Middle School, this notable scholar compiled an enviable record of excellence which included having the highest grade point average and being voted the Most Outstanding Girl Student by the faculty in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and valued participation in the Mid-State Band; and

WHEREAS, at Lebanon High School, Valerie has continued her generous contribution of time and considerable talent; as a freshman, she was the first chair of the Mid-State Band, a member of the Homecoming Court for the band and the Latin Club, Clarinet Section Leader and was named Most Outstanding Freshman Band Member; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, she participated in the Second Chair All-State Band, the First Clarinet Middle Tennessee State University Wind Bass Conference, the Homecoming Court for band, Scholarship Blair Music Academy Nashville Youth Symphony, the Reporter Band Council, the Beta Club, the Latin Club, and was selected as Most Outstanding Sophomore band member; and

WHEREAS, during her junior year, Valerie served as Fourth Chair of the All-State Band, First Alto Saxophone of the Mid-State Jazz Band, First Clarinet of the MTSU Wind Band Conference, Treasurer of the Band Council, Section Leader Saxophone in Marching Band, Section Leader Clarinets in Conference Band, as a member of the Beta Club and the French Club, and participant in the Saxophone Nashville Youth Jazz Workshop; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Valerie was a member of the All-State Band, the Mid-State Jazz Band and qualified academically to enroll in classes at Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Valerie's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Glenn and Debra Martin, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Martin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Valerie Martin on being the 1999 Lebanon High School Salutatorian and wish her much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution be furnished to Ms. Martin with our compliments.